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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1740**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Russell Howard Barton et al.
Application No. : 09/916,211
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For : FUEL CELL PURGING METHOD AND APPARATUS

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Examiner : Jonathan Crepeau
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 20, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.